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In re application of
Tsuneo TAKAHASHI et al.
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RECEPTOR PROTEIN AND METHOD
FOR THE DIAGNOSIS OF AN
INFLAMMATORY DISEASE BY
USING THE SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the first Official Action and calculation
of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified applica-
tion as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 8 as follows:

A₁ Sub C13
--8. (amended) A replicable recombinant DNA,
comprising a replicable expression vector and, operably
inserted therein, the isolated DNA according to one of claims
3 to 6.--

Amend claim 11 as follows:

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--11. (amended) A method for screening a ligand
which binds to the seven-pass transmembrane receptor protein
of claim 1, which comprises: